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H.R. 220

To promote the development of methods of research, experimentation, and testing that minimize the use of, and pain and suffering to, live animals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1981

Ms. Ferraro introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Science and Technology

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That this Act may be cited as the "Humane Methods of Re-
- 4 search Act".
- 5 SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
- 6 ices (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") is
- 7 authorized to make grants to public and nonprofit private en-
- 8 tities (1) to support research into, and the development of,

- 1 alternatives to present methods of research, experimentation.
- 2 and testing on animals (including but not limited to analysis
- 3 of cell, tissue, and organ cultures and computer and other
- 4 nonanimal modeling), which alternatives require the sacrifice
- 5 of no live animals and produce less pain and suffering in such
- 6 animals than methods currently in use; and (2) to establish
- 7 the validity and reliability of alternatives to present methods
- 8 of research, experimentation, and testing on animals for the
- 9 purpose of replacing methods currently in use.
- 10 (b) No grant may be made under this Act unless an
- 11 application therefor has been submitted to, and approved by,
- 12 the Secretary. Such application shall be in such form, submit-
- 13 ted in such manner, and contain such information, as the Sec-
- 14 retary shall by regulation prescribe.
- 15 (c) The amount of any grant under this Act shall be
- 16 determined by the Secretary, who shall consider the likeli-
- 17 hood that the research and development involved will pro-
- 18 duce a usable result, and the need of the applicant for assist-
- 19 ance, and such other factors as the Secretary may consider
- 20 relevant. Grants made under this Act may be paid in advance
- 21 or by way or reimbursement, at such intervals and on such
- 22 conditions as the Secretary may find necessary, and with ap-
- 23 propriate adjustments on account of overpayments or under-
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- 1 (d) There are authorized to be appropriated to make
- 2 grants under this Act \$12,000,000 for the fiscal year ending
- 3 September 30, 1982, and \$12,000,000 for each of the follow-
- 4 ing four fiscal years.

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